

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 15 are pending in the application, as no amendments to the claims are made herein, those same claims will remain pending upon entry of this Amendment.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful review of the claims and withdrawal of the previous claim rejections.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects all of the pending claims only under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. While the applicants do not agree with the bases for the rejection, in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application to issuance, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for the purpose of obviating this rejection. Applicants note that the reference over which the rejection is made, US 6,695,760, is the immediate parent of this application -- that is, the present application is a continuation of the application that issued as US 6,695,760 ("the parent application"). As such, a single assignment (a copy is included with a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) submitted herewith) from the inventors identically assigns to the assignee all right title and interest in both the present application and the parent application.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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